

COURSE FOR SPECIALISTS IN MARIST CHARISM AND EDUCATIONAL PRINCIPLES

Marist International Network of Institutions of Higher Education

The Institute of the Little Brothers of Mary, dedicated to the education of children and young people, was founded by Marcellin Champagnat on January 2, 1817. We are on the way, and quickly approaching, to the Second Centenary of the foundation of the Institute in 2017. This date has become of pivotal interest, so that different institutional estates might begin to make preparations for a celebration worthy of such an event. The Marist International Network of Institutions of Higher Education wishes to make a significant contribution, cooperating in the preparation of people who might be energizing agents of the celebrations of the 200th anniversary of the foundation of the Institute. To this end a course for specialists in Marist Charism and Educational Principles is being developed. In these pages we wish to offer some information in advance of the work being done at the PUCPR to bring this initiative to reality.

OBJECTIVES OF THE COURSE

Specialization in "Marist Charism and Educational Principles" has as its objective that the graduate student (licentiate, master's,...) acquire the necessary knowledge, adequate training and the development of skills, so as to be able to apply them in the different areas of teaching and investigation, with professional quality and capacity to adapt creatively to ongoing changes.

Objetives specifics:

To form educators in the Marist charism and spirituality that flows



from Marcellin Champagnat, as a means to support the carrying out of the educational mission taken on by the Marist Institute.

To promote knowledge of the Marist educational system via studies in depth on ideology, educational principles and the Marist style of being and educating; seeking its adaptation to the challenges and demands

GENERAL HOUSE

The Council continues its plenary session. At the same time, the Secretariats are having their own meetings. Br Joe Mc Kee will spend a few days in Nairobi taking part in the Governing Council of MIC and the meeting of the Provincials' Conference. Br Antonio Ramalho will be at the Hermitage from 7 to 8 February for the Meeting of the Educational Works of the Province of the Hermitage.

faced in the 21st century.

To achieve on the part of the Marist educators, a commitment to live their Christian vocation and to promote in their educational centers the building up of true educational communities.

To develop upper level educational activities, attending to

the principles of integral formation, necessary in the present times, in the context of the Marist educational proposal.

To share the experiences of Marist educators from different countries, with a view to promoting a sense of ownership in an international institution.

DESCRIPTION OF THE COURSE

The course comprises 420 hours, with a total of 30 credits, distributed as follows:

| Discipline | Hours | Credits | Professor |
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| The origins of the Marist pedagogical tradition: vision, mission and educational principles of the Founder and his disciples. | 60 | 4 | Dr. André Lanfrey |
| The Marist pedagogical tradition and its historical development: vision, mission and educational principles. | 60 | 4 | Dr. Juan Jesús Moral Barrio |
| The vitality of the educational model and the construction of a new reality | 60 | 4 | Dr. Michel Green |
| Human-Christian Paradigm: perspectives and challenges for the Church | 60 | 4 | Dr. Ricardo Tescarolo |
| Perspectives and challenges for society in the 21st century | 60 | 4 | Dr. Toni Torrelles |
| The vocation of the Marist educator | 60 | 4 | Dr. Seán Sammon |
| Ethics | 15 | 1 | Dr. Mario Sánchez |
| Methodology of Scientific Investigation | 15 | 1 | Dr. Adalgisa |
| Monography | | 2 | Dr. Adalgisa |
| Time at the Hermitage | 30 | 2 | |
| TOTAL | 420 | 30 | |

All the subjects are obligatory. The only optional item is the gathering at the Hermitage, that can be organized according to the needs of the Provinces or of the interprovincial groups. The students who do the course and then go to the Hermitage will be able to add 2 more credits to their curriculum.

The orientation dates, which are guiding the work of creating the course, point towards the first days of the month of August 2013, but given the complexity of the work that needs to be done, above all the translation of the books and the post production of the teaching materials, we are still unable to set a definite starting date.

WHO IS THE COURSE FOR?

Profile of the student at the beginning of the course

The course of specialization in "Marist Charism and Educational Principles" is designed for professionals with higher formation.

In order to participate in the course, students must have at least a licentiate degree, duly recognized or renewed in Brazil or abroad.

They must be persons with personal values of discipline, responsibility and constancy, as well as abilities for investigation, systematization and analysis.

To be available between 6 and 10 hours weekly to study the content and do the

activities.

To have a basic knowledge of the history and teachings of the Church.

To have at least four years of experience as a Marist educator and a willingness to strengthen his or her educational commitment, by means of acquiring greater know-how in this area.

To understand written texts in at least two of the following languages: Portuguese, English, French and Spanish.

To have access to a computer with Internet connection, since the course is a "distant" one.

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PROVINCE OF "MEDITERRÁNEA"

Provincial Meeting on Communication and Marketing

About a hundred teachers and directors of the Marist works of the Province of "Mediterránea" (Italy, Lebanon, Syria and Spain) came together from 24 to 26 January 2013, in the Marist residence of Guardamar, to hold their annual formation meeting, under the slogan "With another look". The topic of the meeting was "Communication and Marketing in the field of Education".



elements of Communication that it would be good to incorporate into educational activities, through an approach taking into account the social networks, and "educational" publicity and marketing. "With another look, with another word", "Communication, social networks and work together in a school establishment", and "Security on the Internet : all that glitters is not gold", were some of the

Those taking part were well nourished. They were able to benefit from vari-

ous workshops, communications and presentations. They reflected on the

presentations at the meeting.



PROVINCE OF THE UNITED STATES

Marist Brothers' Vocation Year

The Marist Brothers' Vocation Year doesn't officially begin until June 2013, but planning is already in full swing. The yearlong celebration will kick off in Esopus, N.Y., with Foundation Stones, a weeklong live-in experience for juniors and seniors at Marist schools throughout the U.S. Interested college students who are members of the Accompaniment Program will also be invited.

Foundation Stones will include morning conferences on various topics including Marist Apostolic Spirituality, Marist Internationality, community and manual work, prayer and personal spirituality, vows and life of the Brothers today, Marist history and Marist formation.

"Participants will be divided into smaller groups or communities. Each commu-

Argentina: Perpetual profession of Brother Victorino Díez Maeso

On 2 January, 196th anniversary of the foundation of the Marist Institute, Br Victorino Díez Maeso made his perpetual profession at Mar del Plata, in the presence of the Br Provincial, Horacio José María Bustos, the Brothers who had just finished their retreat, other Brothers of the Province and the lay people of Mendoza.



nity will have a Brother serving as a Director with each community being named after a Marist Brother who has gone before us. Opportunities for each community to learn of their 'Inspiration Brother' will be provided

by the community's Brother Director," explained Br. Mike. A new vocations video also debuted in Marist schools this fall. Titled, "Marist Brothers: Lives Fulfilled," the [seven minute video](#) invites Marist students,

their parents and teachers to consider and support a religious vocation with the Marist Brothers. Vocation Year will close with the Marist Youth gathering at Marist College in May 2014



PERPETUAL PROFESSION IN ROME

Br Marcelo Bonhemberger takes perpetual vows

It is rather rare for a perpetual profession to be held in the General House before the Superior General in person. There have been, perhaps, two or three in the whole history of the house. On Saturday, 26 January, at 11.30, we had the perpetual profession of Br Marcelo Bonhemberger, of the Province of "Rio Grande do Sul". The solemn ceremony was part of a eucharistic celebration, presided over by the chaplains of the house. There were about 70 of us : the Superior General and all his Council, the community of the General House and the lay people working there, Brothers from almost all the Marist communities of Italy, and some from the spirituality centre of Manziana. In short, more than fifteen nationalities were represented.

After a word of welcome from Br Pietro Bettin, superior of the community, Br Manuir José Mentges, here from the Province of Rio Grande do Sul for the occasion, read out a message from the Provincial, Br Inácio Etges.

The Rite of Profession took place after the Liturgy of the Word. It consisted of a dialogue between Brs Emili Turú and Marcelo B., the invocation of the Holy Spirit and the expression of the formula of consecration by which Br Marcelo engaged himself to live the Marist life out of love for Jesus Christ in perpetuity.

Br Emili then addressed some words to Br Marcelo and all present. Among the ideas mentioned : the meaning



of the vows, the fact of being the maternal face of the Church, the Church of the apron – service -, the sense of mission. As community, he said, we are all not only witnesses of his promises, but also companions in his engagement and an expression of the diversity and internationality of the Institute. Br Marcelo then

received the traditional profession cross, a gift from his Province, from the Superior General, and the icon of Pentecost offered by him and the General Council.

At the end of the celebration, it was Br Marcelo's turn to express his sentiments on this special day and his gratitude to his parents, family, the Superior General and his Council, the Provincial and his Council, and all the Brothers who had accompanied him at the various stages of his formation, as well as his current community and his friends.

It was truly a day of joy and festivity around our new perpetually professed, Br Marcelo Bonhemberger.

A brief biography : born in São Domingos do Sul, Marcelo entered the novitiate of Passo Fundo, where he made his first vows in 2006.

From 2007 to 2009 he did his Scholasticate at Nossa Senhora das Graças, in Viamão, and then up to 2011, he was part of the community of the "Colegio Marista Santa Maria", in Santa Maria. In June that year, he arrived in the community of the General House in Rome, to follow studies in philosophy at the Pontifical Salesian University.

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